	1994-95		1993-94		1992-93	
	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
UAE			125.00	41.53		
USA					32.00	
Canada	0.09	0.02			932.50	112.00
Nigeria			22.00	13.06	78.00	358.28
						31.39
	50.15	33.78	559.24	222.52	5947.58	2178.71

209. **श्री राघवजी**: क्या जल- भूतल परिवहन मंत्री 13 दिसम्बर, 1995 को राज्य सभा में अतारकित प्रश्न 1615 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या एक्सप्रेस राजमार्गो की व्यवहार्यता का अध्ययन पूर्ण कर लिया गया हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या निष्कर्ष निकले; और

(ग) यदि नहीं , तो इस अध्ययन के कब तक पूर्ण हो जाने की संभावना हैं?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम. राजशेखर मूर्ति) : (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) अभी यह नहीं बताया जा सकता कि अध्ययन कब तक पूरा हो जाएगा।

Indo-Ncpal Bilateral Relations

210. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taker steps to improve Indo-Nepal bilateral relations;

(b) if so, the steps taken in that direction; and

(c) what are the new agreements signed between the two countries?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) Over the last one year a series of high level exchanges have taken place beginning with the visit of the then Nepalese PM Man Mohan Adhikari and subsequent visits and exchanges of high level delegations, including the present Nepalese Prime Minister Mr. Deuba's meeting with Prime Minister in Cartagena on 18 October, 1995. Foreign Secretary visited Kathmandu for discussions from 17-19 November 1995 and EAM from 26-29 January 1996. Pursuant- to PM's invitation Prime Minister Deuba visited India from 11-17 February 1996. The Nepalese Chiefs of Army Staff and Police have also visited India in recent weeks. These exchanges have resulted in a better appreciation and understanding of each other's viewpoints and in forging closer links of cooperation.

During Prime Minister Deuba's visit, a "Treaty concerning the Integrated development of Mahakali River including Sarada Barrage, Tanakpur Barrage and Pancheshwar Project" as well as an "Agreement for construction of 22 Bridges on the Kohalpur-Mahakali section of the Mahendra Raj Marg" in Nepal, with Indian assistance, were signed.

Supplying Nuclear Weapons Technology to Pakistan

211. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to certain reports which appeared in Washington Times on 5/2/96 indicating some countries of Asian Continent are supplying nuclear weapons technology to Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof with reaction thereto;

(c) whether such supplies are violating anti-proliferation laws;

(d) whether Government propose to take some measured to highlight the issue at international forum; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Government have seen press reports on supply of equipments for use in uranium enrichment plant in Pakistan by China. These reports pertain to supply of 5,000 ring magnets and indicate China's continuing assistance for Pakistan's clandestine weapons oriented nuclear programme. These reports have been denied by China and Pakistan.

(d) and (e) The Media reports are attributed to US sources. Government have taken up the matter bilaterally with US authorities in order to ascertain facts.

Loss incurred on Post Card

212. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:'
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated loss likely to be incurred on production, sale and delivery of postcards during the current year, and how it compares with the loss incurred during the preceding two years;

(b) the estimated average loss incurred per unit of postcards during the current year and during the preceding two years; and

(c) the steps contemplated by Government to minimise the loss, especially that in respect of the postcards used by the elite class in respect of various TV quiz programmes etc?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The estimated loss on production, sale and delivery of Postcards during the current year i.e. 1995-96 is Rs. 99.54 crores. The loss incurred on Postcard during the preceding two years is as under:—

	Year	Loss (Rs. in crores)
(1)	1993-94	75.40
(2)	1994-95	94.13

(b) The estimated average loss per unit of Postcard during the current year i.e. 1995-96 is Rs. 1.68 and the loss per unit during the preceding two years is as under:—

	Year	Loss (in Rs.)
1.	1993-94	1.42
2.	1994-95	1.58

(c) This matter is under consideration of the Govt, by suitably amending the Indian Post Office Act, 1898.